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MICHIGAN FLAGS TO FLY AT U.S. BASES IN IRAQ

Sen. Jacobs and Rep. Condino Provide Flags to Local Soldiers

LANISING – Sen. Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) and Rep. Paul Condino (D-Southfield) are providing six Michigan flags to Army reservists currently stationed in Iraq. The reservists representing four Michigan reserve units have been in Iraq about 60 days. The typical deployment is 18 months. The request came through the 645th Area Support Group in Southfield Michigan under the 88th Regional Readiness Command.

“We understand that these state flags are very important to deployed soldiers,” Sen. Jacobs said. “It’s an opportunity for them to show their state pride by displaying the Michigan flag on their base. And it’s a way for us to remind these men and women that we think about them, we’re so proud of their service, and we pray for their safe return.”

The Army Reserve units receiving the flags include: The 108th Chaplain Detachment, Southfield MI, commanded by Chaplain (Major) Gary Williams; the 180th Transportation Company, Muskegon MI, commanded by Major Cesar Santiago; the 980th Quartermaster Company, Bay City MI, commanded by Captain Charles Moulton; and the 983rd Engineer Battalion, Southfield, MI, Monclova OH, Lima OH and Bryan OH, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Kevin McLinn. The four units represent approximately 500 Michigan Reserve soldiers.

“These flags are just a token of our appreciation of these fine soldiers for protecting us and our families,” Rep. Condino said. “Words cannot express our gratitude for their service.”

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